

away was liable to satisfy to any person in this Province, unless the same be otherwise satisfied in some convenient time, or that in short time he procure the person so convey'd away to return again. And whoever shall entice, or privately carry away any Apprentice, Servant or Slave, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the Employer of such Apprentice, Servant, or Slave, treble Damages and Costs.

X. No person shall trade, barter, or any ways deal with any Servant or Slave belonging to any Inhabitant within this Province, without leave first had of the Master, Mistress or Overseer, under the Penalty of 2000 *l.* of Tobacco, one half to the King, the other to the Master, &c.

XI. If the Goods so traded or bartered as aforesaid shall exceed the sum of 1000 *l.* of Tobacco, the Party whose Goods shall be imbezled or barter'd away as aforesaid, shall have his Action at Law for the Damage sustain'd; against the person so dealing and bartering for the same. And in case the person so offending shall not be able to satisfy the same, then he shall be bound over by some one Justice of the Peace, to appear at the Provincial or County Court, where upon Conviction he shall be punished, by whipping on the bare Back with 30 stripes.

XII. A Servant Imported into this Province, without Indentures, if above the age of 22 years, shall be obliged to serve 5 years, if between 18 and 22, 6 years; if between 15 and 18, 7 years; if under 15, he shall serve till he attains the Age of 22 years.

XIII. Servants transported hither from *Virginia*, shall compleat their time of Service here, which they should have performed there, and no more.

XIV. All Owners or keepers of any such Servant as aforesaid, shall within 6 months after the receiving such Servant into their custody (if they claim more than 5 years service of such Servant) bring him or her into the County Court, where the age of such Servant shall be judged and entred upon record, under the Penalty of 1000 *l.* of Tobacco, to the King for support of the Government, &c.

XV. All Servants transported into this Province, shall have their time of Service commence from the first